



Council Report

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Natasha Colebrook-Williams, Governmental Affairs Manager

Date: March 25, 2014

RE: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER
SERVICES 2014 URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT
PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolution ratifying the submittal of an application and authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate a grant from the Florida Department Agriculture and Consumer Services for the 2014 Urban and Community Forestry Grant.

BACKGROUND

The City has requested a grant in the amount of \$20,000 with a required match from the general fund in the amount of \$20,000 for a total project cost in the amount of \$40,000. Funds will be used to perform an urban canopy assessment in conjunction with the City's geographical information system and the development of a tree management master plan. The objective of the project is to determine the degree of existing canopy, identify areas needing reforestation, utilize existing inventory data to make solid planting decisions, and develop a long-term comprehensive management-focused master plan for trees that focuses on urban forest recovery.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES FOR A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are desirous of applying for and securing a National Urban and Community Forestry Program grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami ("City") is requesting a grant in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in grant funds with a required Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) cash match from the City for a total project cost in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00); and

WHEREAS, funds will be used to determine the degree of existing tree canopy, identify areas needing reforestation, utilize existing inventory data to make solid planting decisions, and to develop a long-term comprehensive master plan for trees that focuses on urban forest recovery.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Ratification of Application. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby ratify the submission of the City of North Miami's application for a grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services National Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Section 2. Authority to City Manager and City Attorney. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of North Miami, Florida and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of March, 2014.

LUCIE M. TONDREAU
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Lucie M. Tondreau	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Carol Keys, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)